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18th District, New York

November 16, 2011

Mr. Joseph Lubrano District Manager, Westchester District United States Postal Service PO Box 9800 White Plains, New York 10610

Dear Mr. Lubrano:

I am writing in support of the Village of Sleepy Hollow's request that its Post Office on Beekman Avenue remain open.

In August of 2011, after a number of constituents contacted my office about the possible closure, I wrote to Patrick Donahoe, Postmaster General for the United States Postal Service, and asked him to take into consideration the impact a closure of the Sleepy Hollow Post Office would have on the Village. I recently learned that Village officials have been able to collect approximately 2,400 signatures from those who live, work, or have friends and family in the community and wish to keep the Sleepy Hollow Post Office open.

As Sleepy Hollow officials in a November 2 letter to you noted, the Post Office on Beekman Avenue offers the Village a number of critical services, and should remain open because:

- Evidence shows Sleepy Hollow's population has risen, and will rise given possible development in Sleepy Hollow;
- A large number of business establishments and municipal offices rely on the Sleepy Hollow Post Office's convenient location for day-to-day business;
- Lower-income residents without access to personal transportation rely on the Sleepy Hollow Post Office being within walking distance;
- Seniors and handicapped persons find that the Sleepy Hollow Post Office meets
  their needs better than the Tarrytown Post Office as there is ample parking, it is
  on the ground level, and has no long ramp;
- The closure of the Sleepy Hollow Post Office would be in breach of the 1979 agreement made by the United States Postal Service which said the Sleepy

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Hollow Post Office would remain open after North Tarrytown (now Sleepy Hollow) lost its zip code and assumed that of Tarrytown.

Based on the overwhelming outpouring of support, it is clear that the Sleepy Hollow Post Office has indeed been an important part of life in the Village, and will continue to serve an integral role for the future. I urge the United States Postal Service to give every consideration to all these factors when making the final decision on whether to maintain services at the Sleepy Hollow Post Office.

Sincerely,

Nita M. Lowey

Member of Congress